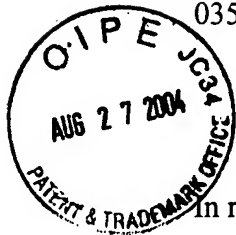


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:)
NOBUYUKI UCHIYAMA) Examiner:
Application No.: 10/611,929) Group Art Unit:
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species identified as Fig. 4, and identifies Claims 1 and 2 as being directed to that species.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Krause".

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